

**France Section****Amara Amara****Highlights from the past**

- Meetings have been organized with IEEE staff to discuss how the Section requests can be taken into account with the introduction avec NetSuite,
- A Section Finance Committee has been set to develop an interface between NetSuite and our banks transactions, ongoing work,
- 21 conferences sponsored by the Section have been successfully held in France,
- ISEP Student Branch received the CASS Outreach Grant to organize a CASS event in France, done in December 2013,
- IEEE-SEE Brillouin-Glavieux Award ceremony held in 2013 in Paris, R8 President was present,

**Future activities**

- Development of a new IEEE France Section web site, will be public in March,
- Continuing our effort to prototype the interface with Netsuite,
- So far 9 conferences are co-sponsored by the Section and will be held in 2014 in France,
- IEEE-SEE Brillouin-Glavieux Award ceremony to be held in 2014 in Paris,
- The Section is discussing an agreement with the French Society of Physics to set up a joint "Edouard Branly Award",
- An Industry initiative is being discussed within a High Standing Committee

**Points of concern / Topics for future discussion**

- Introduce to our community new tools provided by IEEE,
- Ask our co-sponsored conferences to check plagiarism (CrossCheck tool),
- Re-activate dormant-chapters and Student Branches,
- Increase Student membership,
- Start an industry initiative,

**Miscellaneous**

- Victor Fouad Hanna (former President of the Section) received the "MGA Leadership Award",
- Michel Carpentier (former President of the Section) received the "Region 8 Volunteer Award",
- Renewal of IEEE-SEE agreement is under discussion,